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BIRTH.

LYONS.—At 89, Serangoon Road, Singapore, on May 21, the wife of Capt. H. Lyons, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DONALD.—Wilson.—On April 29, at Seaford, J. DONALD, M.D., Penang, to Helen Barrow Wilson.

MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Silk Embroideries &c., at No. 58, Queen's Road Central, under Hongkong Hotel.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Tonkin undelivered after this date at Nona will be subject to rent and landing charges.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, June 2.—

Goods per Suruga undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per "Hawking" undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 3.—

9 p.m.—Performances at City Hall.

Goods per "Hawking" not cleared on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, June 4.—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members Hongkong Club at Old House.

9 p.m.—Performances at City Hall.

Goods per "Hawking" not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 10.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Surplus Stores and Office Furniture, &c., at H. M. Naval Yard Extension.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymous signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1908.

CREWS OF BRITISH SHIPS.

READERS will have remarked the correspondence, published last evening, which has passed between His Excellency the Governor and the local Chamber of Commerce in regard to the employment of Chinese crews on British ships engaged in the China coastal trade.

Before proceeding to deal with the merits of the suggestion of the British Board of Trade that Chinese seamen should be asked to prove that they are British subjects, we would like to congratulate His Excellency the Governor upon his promptitude in deprecating any uncalculated for interference with local affairs by the Home Government.

We have also to felicitate the Chamber of Commerce upon promptly making public the correspondence which has passed on this important matter. In the past we have urged upon the Chamber the advisableness of taking this step, on the ground that very often early publicity would ensure the co-operation of the press and the general public while that co-operation was likely to be useful. Reverting to the main question we are entirely in accord with the general policy of the Home Government in reference to manning British ships with British subjects. So many

glutted accidents have occurred in Home waters, which have been directly due to the employment of aliens on British vessels, who did not understand the word of command given at a critical moment, that even the lethargic British public has at last demanded that something should be done. But while we are in favour of the policy generally we agree with His Excellency and with the Chamber of Commerce that it would be utterly impracticable to enforce the regulation that crews of local coasting vessels, sailing under the British flag, should be British subjects. It may be pointed out that even if all the seamen and firemen who are now subjects of the Emperor of China, were to become naturalised Britishers to-morrow the intention of the regulation would still be defeated. The regulation is intended mainly to do away with the danger of mistakes occurring through the words of command being misunderstood, by compelling British ships to be manned by English-speaking British subjects. Thus the expedient at which the Home Government appears to hint would only be an unworthy and useless subterfuge. This is one of those matters in which the man on the spot should be allowed to decide for himself what is best to be done. The reason that exists at Home for the regulation under discussion is admittedly a sound one but it does not apply east of Suez. As the Chamber of Commerce points out the enforcement of the regulation locally would be a death-blow to the British coasting trade. Although we have evidence that the prosperity of the Colony is a matter of slight concern to the Liberal Government we are confident that it will pause before insisting upon something that would strike heavily at the pockets of British ship-owners. Frankly and unblushingly the Government is out for votes—witness the opium promises, the suffragette interview and Mr Winston Churchill's Home Rule announcement at Manchester—and as it is supported by many ship-owners we need not fear that it will allow its principles to jeopardise its prospects. The most disquieting feature in regard to the matter is the personality of the President of the British Board of Trade. But we trust that his colleagues will compel Mr Churchill to abandon, in this instance, his favourite policy of treating the advice of the man on the spot with contempt.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board is summoned for Monday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the question of declaring the "Daily Press" to be free from infection.

The keels were laid to-day at Messrs White and Jack's building yards at Tai Kok-tai of two lighters for the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Four similar lighters were built for the British section of the Kowloon-Canton line.

Information has been received from the Madras Government that regulations under the Venice Sanitary Convention will be imposed at all the uninfected ports of the Madras Presidency, against arrivals from the port of Hongkong.

The Board of War proposes to enlarge the Military Medical College at Tientsin in order to accommodate the largely increased number of students. The course of instruction, which has hitherto been one of three years is to be superseded by a five years' course.

His Excellency has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the Ordinance to extend the Liquor Licenses Ordinance of 1898, and to provide for the grant of brewery licenses, and to the Ordinance to amend the Evidence Ordinance.

Things may be very dull in Singapore, says an exchange of May 29, but there was at least one scene of business and animation yesterday morning. Fourteen or fifteen lawyers, more of their clerks and attendants, and half a hundred men of various sorts, awaiting their turn to transact business! It was the bankruptcy court of Mr Justice Sercombe Smith.

We understand from authoritative sources that the four Chinese cruisers which called here a few days ago under Captain Wu Ching Yung who by the way was responsible for the capture of the Tatsu Maru II, were on their way to Fankokong Bay. It is the intention of the Navy Board at Peking to convert the Bay into an auxiliary base in South China. It may be remembered that some months back the Union Jack was seen flying in the vicinity which has attracted the attention of the Chinese Government.

The Catholic Churches celebrate to-morrow the closing of the month of May, consecrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a High Mass, with Pontifical Assistance, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 8 o'clock in the morning; in the evening a Solemn Procession will go through the spacious compound of the Cathedral when a statue of the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes will be carried for the first time outside the church. The Band of the Societade Philharmonica will accompany the Procession. All Catholics are invited to attend.

The record time in which the London mail has been brought to Singapore is 19 days, 16½ hours. This was accomplished on August 15, 1900, when the mail was brought here by the P. and O. Company's mail steamer Delhi. The mails that were delivered in Singapore last night, says the "Straits Times" of May 21, having come by the P. and O. Arcadia, left London on May 1, and had been on the way exactly 19 days 18 hours, or 1½ hours longer than the record time. The typhoon spoiled the possibility of a record to Hongkong being broken.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr W. F. Ford has been appointed by the Governor a Surveyor of Boilers of Unlicensed Steamships under 60 tons during the absence on leave of Mr Thomas Neave.

Amongst the departures for Home from Singapore by P. and O. mail "Ocean" on May 21 was Mr E. Buxton Forman, assistant to the P. and O. Agency who has not been in good health lately.

His Excellency Chang Yuen Tang, the Chinese Imperial High Commissioner, has booked his passage for Shanghai on board the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chiyuen, leaving here on Monday.

Lieut. G. R. Hanna, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, has been appointed by the Governor as the military member of the Committee for the Wong-nai-chong and Queen's Recreation grounds, vice Major H. J. Kelsall, R.G.A.

A GOOD OMEN!

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 29.

The sudden and mysterious appearance of three Chinese characters reading "Feng, happiness and long life," each measuring three feet in diameter, on a piece of rock, which has just been exploded by dynamite to make way for the Canton-Hankow Railway in Tiger Valley, Fayun district, has attracted a good many visitors and thereby the railway made a nice little profit. How these characters were written within a piece of rock in the wilderness is a mystery. The superstitious say that it was the work of a wandering fairy.

AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER MAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH DIARRHOEA.

MR S. G. Mathers, publisher of Chronicle, Melbourne, Queensland, says: "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy completely cured me of chronic dysentery from which I had suffered for years. I feel confident that this remedy also saved the life of my infant daughter, who when teething was severely attacked with diarrhoea and was given up by the doctors. For sale by all chemists and druggists."

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We understand from authoritative sources that the four Chinese cruisers which called here a few days ago under Captain Wu Ching Yung who by the way was responsible for the capture of the Tatsu Maru II, were on their way to Fankokong Bay. It is the intention of the Navy Board at Peking to convert the Bay into an auxiliary base in South China. It may be remembered that some months back the Union Jack was seen flying in the vicinity which has attracted the attention of the Chinese Government.

The Catholic Churches celebrate to-morrow the closing of the month of May, consecrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a High Mass, with Pontifical Assistance, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 8 o'clock in the morning; in the evening a Solemn Procession will go through the spacious compound of the Cathedral when a statue of the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes will be carried for the first time outside the church. The Band of the Societade Philharmonica will accompany the Procession. All Catholics are invited to attend.

The record time in which the London mail has been brought to Singapore is 19 days, 16½ hours. This was accomplished on August 15, 1900, when the mail was brought here by the P. and O. Company's mail steamer Delhi. The mails that were delivered in Singapore last night, says the "Straits Times" of May 21, having come by the P. and O. Arcadia, left London on May 1, and had been on the way exactly 19 days 18 hours, or 1½ hours longer than the record time. The typhoon spoiled the possibility of a record to Hongkong being broken.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr W. F. Ford has been appointed by the Governor a Surveyor of Boilers of Unlicensed Steamships under 60 tons during the absence on leave of Mr Thomas Neave.

Amongst the departures for Home from Singapore by P. and O. mail "Ocean" on May 21 was Mr E. Buxton Forman, assistant to the P. and O. Agency who has not been in good health lately.

His Excellency Chang Yuen Tang, the Chinese Imperial High Commissioner, has booked his passage for Shanghai on board the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chiyuen, leaving here on Monday.

Lieut. G. R. Hanna, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, has been appointed by the Governor as the military member of the Committee for the Wong-nai-chong and Queen's Recreation grounds, vice Major H. J. Kelsall, R.G.A.

A GOOD OMEN!

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 29.

The sudden and mysterious appearance of three Chinese characters reading "Feng, happiness and long life," each measuring three feet in diameter, on a piece of rock, which has just been exploded by dynamite to make way for the Canton-Hankow Railway in Tiger Valley, Fayun district, has attracted a good many visitors and thereby the railway made a nice little profit. How these characters were written within a piece of rock in the wilderness is a mystery. The superstitious say that it was the work of a wandering fairy.

AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER MAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH DIARRHOEA.

MR S. G. Mathers, publisher of Chronicle, Melbourne, Queensland, says: "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy completely cured me of chronic dysentery from which I had suffered for years. I feel confident that this remedy also saved the life of my infant daughter, who when teething was severely attacked with diarrhoea and was given up by the doctors. For sale by all chemists and druggists."

UNREST IN CHINA.

That the present movements of disaffection in South China may in their earlier stages work lasting good, and in their later results contribute in no small degree to sane and sound progress seems in no way improbable, though such issues and results may be far from manifest at the passing moment. When the causes of the recent rising are discussed with singular and pertinent freedom in the native press and remedies for the discontent that leads to continued uprisings are pointed out with force and cogency it may be taken, for granted, that not all the lessons of to-day will be forgotten when the time arrives for reconstruction in various departments of the administration. It is true that many utterances of instructed Chinese critics do but rub the sore where they should bring the plaster, for destructive criticism the wide world over is generally easy and comparatively useless. Yet in China as in the West constructive mind-are found to put the problems of the nation's future fairly and equitably and to suggest with a show of reason needed solutions. There is practical agreement as to the ideals and aims that should animate and direct reform if the latter does not mean insurrection and revolution.

What Macaulay says of ancient Rome before its decadence:

When none were for the party but all were for the state

is the condition most to be desiderated in a nation struggling towards freedom through the midst of manifold perils.

What is taking place in Yunnan to-day is the outcome of conditions as far removed as possible from that great ideal. There was a time when the people of China had their own stake in the Common weal. They were concerned with the well-being of the nation, so long as justice and freedom from oppression, regard for the people's rights and concern for their welfare were attributes of the sceptral sway over China's millions. There have been times in the nation's history when the stability of Government seemed assured by the loyalty of the governed and prosperity

THE YUNNAN RIOT.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, May 29.

Sik Lung wires reports to the Throno to the effect that the rebels cannot hold out any longer. It was, however, taken some little time to sweep the remnants away, but general confidence has been restored.

UNREST IN AMOY.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

AMOY, May 30.

Owing to the existing unsettled state of affairs in Shaoan Hsien, Amoy, Admiral Hung Wing-On has left here with a force to make a demonstration.

AMMUNITION CAPTURED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 29.

One case of ammunition was captured by the Customs at Chiao, Kailiang, on the 28th instant. One hundred and nine parcels containing cartridges were found in the case. Each parcel contained ten small boxes. No arrest has been made. The booty has been forwarded to the Yamen of the Nanchi Magistrate.

DRAFT APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

Figures For 1907.

The draft appropriation account for 1907, just issued, shows that the estimated expenditure was \$6,431,740 and the actual expenditure \$5,757,203, a saving of \$674,537. The increases on the estimates amounted to \$164,735 and the decreases to \$841,272.

The following items showed an increase: Governor, \$375; Audit, \$4,974; Treasury, \$139; Education, \$2,644; Miscellaneous Services, \$72,191; Public Works, \$81,159.

The decreases were under the following heads: Public Debt, \$62,500; Pensions, \$81,121; Colonial Secretary, \$2,633; Registrar-General, \$2,701; Post office, \$18,335; Harbour Master, etc., \$2,844; Observatory, \$410; Judicial, etc., \$11,263; Police, etc., \$36,728; Medical, etc., \$18,335; Sanitary, \$66,551; Botanical and Forestry, \$2,619; Ecclesiastical, \$2,801; Transport, \$3,642; Military Expenditure, \$17,026; Public Works Department, \$41,488; Public Works Extraordinary, \$482,049.

The largest amount saved was in Public Works Extraordinary. About \$200,000 is accounted for by the postponement of the second section of the Taitan Tuk scheme and \$118,452 by the delay of the contractor to push on with the Kowloon Water Works gravitation scheme. Other items do not call for comment.

THE SIAMESE GOVERNMENT'S STEEL YACHT.

The steel steam launch built at Messrs Kwong Tak Cheong's shipyard at Kowloon, under the supervision of Messrs Carmichael and Clarke, of No. 5, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, set sail for Penang yesterday afternoon, after being delayed some three days on account of the typhoon. This is the first steel vessel built by Chinese in Hongkong to the rules of Lloyd's, and she is now the property of the Siamese Government. She is to steam all the way to Penang under the command of Captain Merlin.

It will be remembered that this splendid launch took the water on the evening of November 21, 1907, when, in the presence of a crowded assembly, Miss Lambert, daughter of Mr. J. Lambert, Lloyd's Surveyor in Hongkong, performed the christening ceremony and named the yacht the Thalang.

The Thalang is schooner rigged, two masts and one funnel with a length of 100 feet, breadth moulded 22 feet, and depth moulded 14 feet. The hull is built of steel and fitted with the expansion, which consists of one set of triple expansion, having cylinders 12, 20 and 31 inches by 20 inches stroke. One large single ended boiler, working at ordinary draught supplies a pressure of steam, 160 lbs. to the square inch. With these engines she is expected to attain a mean speed of 12 knots. The yacht is also fitted with electric light, a powerful warping winches for working the cables, Weir's evaporator, dynamo and distilling apparatus.

There is a main saloon, with state-rooms, in the forward part, while the engineer and captain are berthed in the after saloon, and the crew close by. In all there are ten state-rooms—six forward and four aft—all being built of teakwood; in fact, almost all the woodwork in the ship is of teak.

We learn that His Honour Judge Willey will leave New York on June 3rd, and travelling via England where he will spend a short time, and the Siberian route, will open his court in St. Petersburg.

PAIN IN THE STOMACH.

It is most annoying, as well as disagreeable, to be troubled with pain in the stomach, and there is no need of it, for one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will allay the pain. Try it once and be convinced. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

A. S. Watson and Co.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the shareholders in Messrs A. S. Watson and Co., was held in Alexandra Buildings at noon. Mr Henry Humphreys was in the chair and there were also present:—

Sir Paul Chater, Messrs J. Scott Harston, J. E. Jupp, H. P. White, E. C. Lane, W. E. Clarke, G. Rapp, L. Guy, W. T. Paddelton, Mr Machado and the secretary, Mr J. A. Tarrant.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read. The result of the year's working does not, I regret to say, compare favourably with recent years. We have not only had to contend with general depression of trade, but increased competition in several departments of the business. The falling off has been particularly noticeable in Shanghai, Tientsin and Manila, where our returns were further adversely affected by change of premises and alterations thereto. In Shanghai (Hongkong branch) and also in Tientsin, these changes were unavoidable owing to the expiration of our leases and the owners deciding to pull down and rebuild premises, necessitating our going into temporary quarters elsewhere. With regard to Manila, I mentioned in my speech at the last annual meeting that the building improvements there were not yet completed, and that there would be a further addition under this heading during 1907. Owing to the stagnant condition of trade in the Philippines, the extra revenue which we expected to obtain from increased sub-lettings has not so far come up to our expectations; consequently it may take a little longer than I anticipated to completely write off the whole of this expenditure. Though all these changes should eventually prove of great benefit to us as they have caused a temporary displacement of business and a decreased turnover, the loss on subsidiary costs for the year amounts to \$16,508.66. Turning to the accounts the item "Building Improvements" shows an addition during 1907 of \$34,040.88, mainly on account of Manila as above mentioned. The increase in Aerated Water Machinery and Plant, amounting to \$18,948.81 has been mostly incurred in Manila and Shanghai. Your General Managers, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, decided nearly a year ago to take steps with a view to closing the Foochow Branch. In this course they were influenced as much by the decline of Foochow as a centre for trade, as by the working results of the branch, which had been unsatisfactory for many years. The doors of the branch were closed to business on the 28th February last, and the final stages of liquidation proceeded with an aim to be able to state that there will be little or no loss to the Company through the closing of this branch. Before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, the chairman moved the adoption of the statement of accounts as presented.

Mr Machado seconded and this was agreed to.

Mr Jupp then moved that Mr Francis Maitland and Mr W. Hutton Potts be re-elected auditors.

Mr Clarke seconded and this was carried.

The Chairman: That concludes the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

Watkins' Limited.

The ninth ordinary annual meeting of Messrs Watkins' Limited, was held at their offices this afternoon. Mr G. A. Watkins, president and there were present:—Mr Chuan A. Fook, Mr Chow Hon Wah and Mr J. R. Love.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, We now present to you our report and accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907, printed copies of which have been circulated, and which I hope will be found quite satisfactory by shareholders. As we anticipated at the annual meeting last year, our Mortgage account has been entirely wiped out by your property known as "Watkins' Buildings" paid for in full. In the accounts there is nothing I think that requires explanation. Our assets you will notice, have been written down to a very low figure—and your reserves increased. As to the present year's prospects, I can only say that so far we have no reason to feel pessimistic. The continuation of the declared policy of your General Managers to use all profits to reduce floating liabilities and build up working capital has again prevented the payment of dividend which otherwise they would have been justified in doing.

If any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

No questions being asked the Chairman continued: And now, gentlemen, I have the pleasure to move the first resolution: "That the report now presented, together with the balance sheet and profit and loss account, be approved and adopted." I shall be obliged if any shareholder present will second the resolution now before the meeting.

Mr Chow Hon Wah seconded and the proposition was carried.

The Chairman: That concludes the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

SHARP SENTENCES.

For Alleged Theft of Provisions.

A sharp sentence of three months' imprisonment without the option of a fine, was imposed by Mr J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's court this morning, on a native merchant for receiving stolen provisions to the total value of \$12.33, the property of Messrs H. Rutledge and Son.

Mr O. D. Thomson, who appeared for defendant, submitted that the evidence of the thief and the fact that the goods were found on his premises, was insufficient to convict defendant and he therefore asked that he might be discharged.

His Worship said there was no doubt that defendant knew the goods were stolen and he was therefore guilty of the offence and a similar punishment.

The defendant, who stole the provisions received a similar punishment.

FORMOSAN WILDS.

A TRIP TO THE SAVAGE COUNTRY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DAIPEI, May 18.

Each year the Japanese in Formosa extend their lines, and consequent thereon the savages continue to be driven more into the interior. Permission can now be obtained to go as far as Tai, and on the 10th inst., in company with other four friends, we started from Taipei on our way to Tai, having previously sent our baggage on in advance. We took rikshas as far as Sintien, passing the new water-works on route.

At Sintien we crossed the Tamsui river, and began to climb the first ridge of hills which were covered with magnificent trees. The path was very narrow, and after a long climb we reached the summit, whence a magnificent view is obtained of the winding valley below. From the rest-house we gradually descended to Kuanak, the last Chinese village, and proceeded leisurely along the road to Doga. This station last year was the extreme limit of the Japanese line of communication.

Doga consists of some dozen houses at a bend of the river, and the spot seems well chosen, being high and easily defended. There is a Japanese store house close by, and here come, at intervals, a few semi-civilized savages to barter. We were lucky enough to meet such a party just on our arrival. Each man and boy was fully armed with gun and knife, and for a few cents ranged themselves in skirmishing order, when I managed to get a very effective snap-shot of the party.

After calling on the head of police, and exchanging compliments, this gentleman provided us with an escort, and from that moment we were in the savage country in very truth. The vegetation gets more luxuriant, thicker and thicker, camphor trees, true firs, and a great variety of other trees clothe the sides of the mountains. We successfully negotiated a wire suspension bridge, some 150 yards long, which swung right and left in crossing, and gradually descended the valley. Below the river swept along a huge boulder, and we had the sound of rushing water for some hours with us. On the other side of the valley we could see the fires of a savage party. Presently we came in sight of a patch of ground ready for cultivation. The savages simply fire a patch and burn the undergrowth, leaving the charred trees standing. The patches are very conspicuous, as the blackened tree stumps stand out from the surrounding green. Now and again a despoiled savage hut was passed, and in one spot we caught sight of two savages, who took cover with lightning rapidity. The scenery between Doga and Tai is exceedingly fine—peak after peak rises and disappears as the valley winds. Bird life is hardly represented, and beyond a few hawks we saw none of the feathered tribe of any kind. As intervals our guides fired their guns off, but if there were any savages in the dense undergrowth, they left us in peace, and at nightfall we arrived safely at Tai, once a savage village, but long since deserted. Here the guards placed two rooms at our disposal, and made us as comfortable as was possible. Our first proceeding was to plunge into the river, and only those who know what hill-climbing is, can appreciate a bath after an arduous climb. All round Doga are hot springs, and from the river we slipped into a hot spring in true Japanese fashion.

By the time we had finished our swim, and dressed our Chinese cook had skinned around and set before us a very creditable dinner, and soon after we were in the midst of a game of Bridge. At nine p.m. the moon came over the mountain top, lighting up the valley. Doga is another well-chosen spot, and is entered by a wire bridge over a mountain torrent. It consists of some twelve rude log cabins, loopholed and ready to meet any savage attack. It is plentifully supplied with drugs, handbags, etc., and one of our party having cut his foot whilst bathing, we were able to attend to it in a proper manner. We ventured a short distance beyond Doga next morning, and again came across a party of savages, down to trade. This lot would not be photographed, but readily took to Will's Navy Cut, and two women grew quite familiar on the strength of some. These women were tattooed across the face from ears to mouth, and were quick in grasping money. The men were all fully armed, and showed, with pride, a few straggling hairs on their upper lips. Beyond a small piece of leather covering the lower portion of their body, and a peculiar matted skull cap, clothing did not form part of their attire. The party accompanied us for two miles, and then suddenly disappeared. Coming back to Doga once on our party slipped in crossing a small temporary bridge and had a narrow escape of falling into the rapids below, some 400 feet. We were thankful when we managed to get him once more on terra firma. From Doga we engaged a boat, and went down the rapids to Sintien. On the way there are seventeen rapids, and the shooting of some we found somewhat exciting. The boats were exceedingly strong, and built of camphor-wood, and were very neat as the continual bumping on the boulders would soon knock the bottoms out. Beyond shipping half a boatful of water, when shooting a rapid which falls some ten feet, and getting a ducking, we reached Sintien safely and took rikshas home in time for a hot bath and dinner.

We were much indebted to the Chief of Police in Taipei for the admirable way in which everything possible was arranged for our comfort on this highly enjoyable trip.

Doubtless, in the course of a year or so, the trip to Tai will be quite possible for visitors from Hongkong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

SIR,—In last night's leader you were good enough to suggest that a desire to preserve a reputation for consistency had perhaps led me to reaffirm an unshaken belief in the Crown Colony system of Government in its application to the special needs and conditions of Hongkong.

Allow me to state that no such desire influenced me in the matter. In matters of opinion consistency must give way to discovery, and if you, or any advocate of change in the constitution of the Colony, were to discover a practicable method of administration, offering undoubted advantages over the existing arrangements, I should not hesitate to support its adoption.

I support the present system not because I think it perfect, but because I believe it works better than would any of the alternative schemes adumbrated in my time. In my time reform advocacy has been confined to the administration of our local affairs. From the very beginning of it there has always been a cry for a municipal body, but I have never yet found among its advocates any clear notion or definite proposal as to the qualifications for the franchise on which they propose to base representation.

Until someone comes forward with a clear and definite proposal for a form of Government undoubtedly superior to the present one I shall support the present one. That is the full extent of my consistency. But even if anyone were to evolve a municipal scheme that promised to work, and suggesting it to be adopted, we should still be subject to the Imperial Parliament in all matters relating to Imperial policy and it would not really help us at all in such a situation as we are in now. In such a case the Municipal Council would be in a predicament, similar to that which confronts the Legislative Council. That is all the difference there would be. No local body in a small community depending for protection entirely upon England is in a position to deny to England the right of imposing conditions. The idea is absurd in its practical aspects, and theoretically amounts to Imperial apostasy. But even a dependent community can set up a claim to be considered in relation to its size and importance and to receive proof of that consideration in the manner and methods of their imposition of the Imperial will. If the case of the present discontent is to be looked for in the system of Crown Colony Government, how is it that the system has been in force for so many years without many more instances of the kind occurring under it? You, yourself, suggest that the trouble has arisen through an over-sight into a new sphere of activity of the democratic element. In Home politics, which has hitherto happily left overseas matters to the management of the permanent staffs of the great departments of state, you write as if you yourself regarded it as an unfortunate development of the forms of that very system of representative government which you are so anxious to introduce here. I am not an advocate of personal despotism, but I am inclined to think that no despot would have done what has now been done in the name of the Sovereign will of the British people. Despotism is apt to be ceremonious and courtly. Despotism has to be careful. The wary tyrant is never tyrannical. Self-preservation prevents that. You, yourself, suggest that this rash act was the result of pressure from the most ruthless of all tyrannies—the tyranny of a great majority—but of a great majority beginning to shrink, and to get frightened in consequence. The old methods may require changing and new checks may have to be devised, but to rush to the conclusion that an old system stands wholly condemned because a new Minister or a newly constituted Cabinet makes a blunder, seems hardly rational. A Minister is after all a man, and it is not a new saying that it is human to err. If every political institution which does not so perfectly provide against the imperfections of human nature as to render mistakes impossible, were to be swept away there would be such a shattering to bits of the world of non-political institutions of any kind would be left standing under the sun. The principle that nothing which is imperfect shall be allowed to exist would abolish all systems—except the solar system—not excepting a monarch, writer in your column, who assumes that name. For even he makes mistakes. He misrepresents the intervention of the Colonial Secretary in yesterday's debate as being an attempt to burke division, and myself as being lost in wilderness. It so happens that I have a particularly clear perception of where I stand in this matter and I am quite superfluously commiserated in an imaginary desire to shift my position. To some it may seem to be surrounded by a wilderness, but it is at least a position approved by responsible men. It is difficult to assault, easy to defend and I am prepared to defend it, though in its defence I shall not again reply to the fire of those who find it fits in with their duties of moral courage to fight covering under cover of the nullity of anonymity. In this view I shall at least consider it necessary to be consistent.—Yours, etc.,

MURRAY STEWART.
Hongkong, May 29.

A CORRECTION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence sent you yesterday on the subject of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, an error inadvertently crept into one of the letters. I shall therefore be much obliged if you will kindly give further publicity to en-

ed letter which now contains the necessary correction.—Yours, etc.,

N. E. NICHOLSON,

for Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce,

28th May, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st instant (No. 3173/1908) in which you refer to a provision in the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act 1906 against the employment of seamen on British ships unless they possess a sufficient knowledge of English to understand the necessary orders, and further, in which you point out the non-application of this proposed regulation to British subjects.

In the opinion of my Committee the inclusion of such a clause in the local Merchant Shipping Ordinance, and its enforcement, would practically compel the fleet of British Coasting Vessels engaged in the China trade to go out of Commission, for seamen and firemen with the qualification required are unobtainable, and the proof of British citizenship necessary to obtain exemption from the test cannot be given, for the very good reason that probably ninety nine out of every hundred men so employed are the subjects of the Emperor of China.

I am directed to inform you that "No. 1" Chinese who do speak sufficient English are in charge of the natives working in every department on steamers carrying Chinese crews, and these men are the medium for conveying orders by the British Officers to the sailors, firemen, &c.

My Committee cannot too strongly support the opinion and endorse the action taken in the matter by His Excellency, as stated in the last paragraph of your letter. I am to ask you to convey to His Excellency the Governor, the thanks of my Committee for affording them an opportunity of expressing their views on this very important subject.—I have &c.,

(Sgd.) E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

HOME SPORTING.

The English Cup Final.

Once more Newcastle United has figured in the final of the English Cup which makes its third time in the last four years—and once more they have had to acknowledge defeat. This year their chances seemed more than good, as their opponents, Wolverhampton Wanderers, were only Second League. However, according to the rules in hand per English Mail, what the "Wolves" lacked in science was made up for in determination and sheer force of strength. They were confined to their own goalmouth during three-fourths of the game, but they defended so ably and attacked so strongly when an opening came their way, that they ultimately ran out winners by three goals to one. Though all credit must be given to the new cup holders for their brilliant win, which is the second they have had in the history of the club, every sympathy will be felt for the losers, who have had the honour denied them too long. For the last four years they have undoubtedly been the finest exponents of the scientific game in the four countries, every man being either an international himself or quite up to that standard. Twice they have won the League Championship outright, and this year they held the fourth position. At the conclusion of the match the Lord Mayor presented the cup to the winners. In passing we might mention that the cup winners team consisted of all Englishmen, while that of the losers contained more than half of Scotchmen.

The English League table is now complete. The feature of the season has been the runaway victory of Manchester United, who have a clear lead of nine points over Aston Villa and Manchester City, who tie for second place.

The Scottish League, so far as the first four positions are concerned, is practically over. The Celtic's consistency had led its due reward. For the second year in succession they have annexed both the Scottish Cup and the League flag. They were left with a rather heavy programme to round off the League season, but by defeating the Rangers they secured a clear lead. Their next match was with Falkirk, with whom they only managed to draw, thus dropping a point. The second place in the table goes to Falkirk, with the Rangers third and Dundee fourth.

The coming event of the athletic season, the Olympic games, has already cast its shadow before it, and under the auspices of the Polytechnic Hall, Lord Desborough, one of the greatest of British sportsmen, set eighty-two competitors going in the trial for the Marathon race. Out of the large number who started forty-nine finished at Wembley Park, nearly twenty-three miles distant, and it is satisfying to note that the Scottish representatives did well, and will represent Great Britain in the bigger event. A Duncan, Salford, who won the ten-mile championship recently, came in first. He covered the distance in the excellent time of 2 hours, 15 minutes, and 45 seconds. T. Jack, another of the S.A.A.A. champions, did remarkably well, coming in fourth, almost three minutes later. As all the leading English cricketers were not so far behind her sister kingdom in this branch of sport.

LINGERING COUGHS.
PERSISTENT coughs that continue through the spring and summer usually indicate some throat or lung trouble, and it is a serious mistake to neglect them. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cure of coughs of this nature and a few doses taken in time may save a doctor's bill and perhaps years of suffering. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

COMMERCIAL.

In the native market report of yesterday three hundred and seventy bales of yarn were reported to have sold at rates ranging from \$65.50 to \$140.50. It further records the sale of one thousand one hundred and thirty bales of rice by the Yuan Fat Hong at \$4.90 per picul.

Opium was quoted by the Chinese yesterday at \$1,180 and \$1,190 per chest for old and new stuff respectively.

There is no change in the native money market, the rate of interest remains at from 12 to 13 cents per \$1,000 per day, while interest on short call loans is placed at 16 to 17 cents per \$1,000 per day, business being dull.

SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 29th May, Messrs Vernon and Smyth state:—

Our market generally has continued to rule steady to firm during the past week, the chief feature of which is a further substantial advance in the value of Banks, for which an unsatisfied demand at the close still exists. Bar silver is quoted at \$24.40, and exchange on London at 1/8 7/4. The Bank of England rate of discount has been reduced to 2 1/2 per cent, and the open market rate for 12 months' bills to 1 1/2 per cent.

Long-Hongkong and Shanghai continue in request, the rate rising rapidly from \$730 to \$750 with small sales at these and intermediate rates, and the market closes strong at the latter. London has further advanced to \$76.10s. Nationals are still wanted at \$31.

Life Insurance.—A small sale of Unions at \$705 is reported, and there are further sellers at the rate. North China are obtainable at \$15.78, and Cuntons at \$255. Yangtzes have improved in the North to \$147.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong continue in strong request, and no shares appear to be forthcoming at the present quotation of \$315 buyers. China have been looked at \$94, and it is probable that more shares could be placed at the rate.

Shipping.—Sales of Hongkong, Canton and Macao are reported at \$29, \$29 1/2, and \$29 1/2, and there are further buyers at the latter rate. Star Lines have declined to \$25 and \$15 for the old and new issues respectively, the div. of 15 per cent. for the year ended 30th April last, paid yesterday. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without business.

Mining.—Rauhs have been booked at \$8, and more shares are procurable. Chamberlains continue in request, but shares are not obtainable at present rate locally.

Docks, Wharves and Stevedores.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been booked at \$103, and more shares are wanted. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been sold at \$92 and \$91 1/2, and there are further sellers at the latter rate. New Amoy Docks continue in request at \$91, and Shanghai Docks at the improved rate of \$15.87. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are wanted in the North to \$15.236.

Grain.—China Sugars, under a little pressure to sell, declined to \$123, but close firmer with buyers of the rate. Luxons have continued to advance, and sales up to \$22 are reported.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$99 and Kowloon Lands at \$26. West Point is obtainable at \$40, and Hongkong Hotels at \$95 after a sale at the rate. Humphreys Estates have been done at from \$10 to \$10 1/2, closing with buyers at the former and sellers at the latter rate. Shanghai Lands have improved in the North to \$15.116.

Cotton Mills.—There is no business to report in this section, and quotations are more or less nominal.

Miscellaneous.—China Borneo have again been booked at \$103, closing with buyers at this and some sellers at \$11. China Providents are still wanted at \$9, but shares are very scarce, and a slightly higher rate would undoubtedly be paid. Green Island Cements have been done at \$101 and \$10 1/2 closing steady at the higher rate with a firm tendency. Hongkong and China Gas shares have been booked at \$175 and there are further buyers. Ropes after sales at the reduced rate of \$80 are in request at this figure. China Light and Powers are wanted at the improved rate of \$7, and William Fowler at \$84. Langkats have further advanced in the North to \$15.510.

HOUSE COLLAPSE IN CANTON.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 29.

Referring to the collapse of two houses in Hing Loong Street, as reported in a previous letter, the Kaifong has taken the matter up. A joint petition has been sent to the authorities and a claim for damages against the Canton waterworks which is held responsible for the accident, has been lodged. Compensation to the six men who have been wounded and for one who has since died, is also asked for. Whether the Nanchi magistrate will award compensation or not is still uncertain.

POOR LAW SCANDAL.

Sensational Sequel.

LONDON, May 21.

In connection with the Mills End Poor Law scandal as a result of the investigation made in the matter eight of the members of the Board of Guardians were arrested last evening including Alderman Hirst, who has been twice Mayor of St. Pancras Borough.

Mr Hirst was arrested while at a Council meeting, and he was wearing his robes of office.

THE ADMIRAL IN JAPAN.

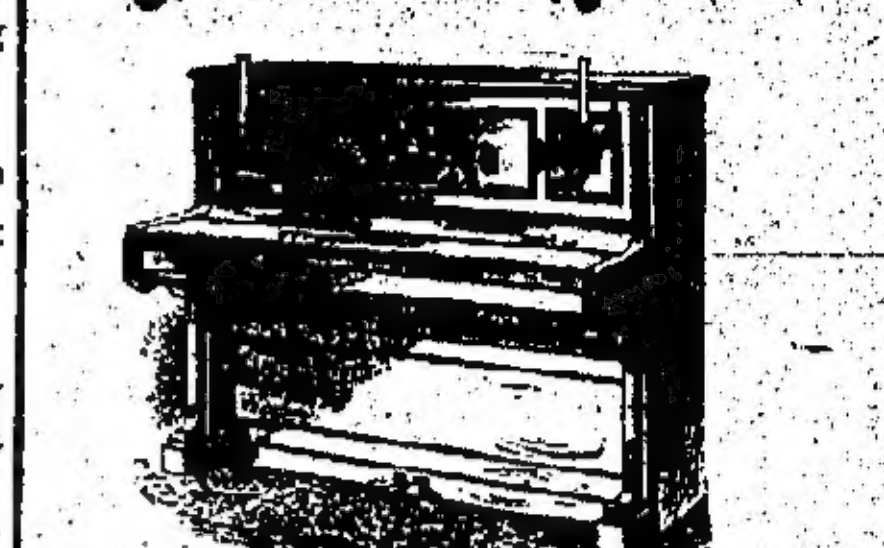
Imperial Reception.

The Tokyo correspondent of the "N. O. Daily News" wires on May 26: "The Emperor of Japan will receive Rear-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton, and eleven other officers of the British Squadron to-morrow."

Major-General Count Tsuchi, O.C.F.O. Minister of the Household, will subsequently give a luncheon in honour of Admiral Lambton's party, by the instructions of the Emperor, in the Shiba Detached Palace.

Mr EN or SING can appreciate a good ship. Why, why so many of them take Stearns' Wood of Old Liver Oil when they feel the need of a good tonic and blood builder. Their goods are good. 15

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THE SIGNBOARD QUESTION.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 28.

There is some trouble about the signboards here. The police department recently issued an order for the prohibition of the hanging of large signboards which are calculated to cause obstruction. Some firms obey the order others not. One firm states that since the taking down of the signboards their business has declined considerably. The result was that a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce was held to discuss matters. After discussion it was decided to follow the orders of the Police department.

EXPRESS SMASHED.

Great Number of Injured.

LONDON, May 21.

An express was dished into the rear of another passenger train at Conch, near Alkport.

Thirty-eight persons were killed, and seventy-nine injured.

Three carriages packed full of passengers were reduced to matchwood, inflicting

THE GAELIC



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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO PORTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Leave	Due at
to	Hongkong	from Colombo to	from Hongkong	at
Colombo		MARSEILLES & LONDON		
DELHI.....	June 13	BRITANNIA.....	July 12	July 19
ARCADIA.....	June 27	MOULTAN.....	July 26	Aug. 2
MAITA.....	July 11	CHINA.....	Aug. 9	Aug. 16
DEVANHA.....	July 25	MOLDAVIA.....	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
MARMORA.....	Aug. 8	HIMALAYA.....	Sept. 6	Sept. 13
DELTA.....	Aug. 22	MACDONIA.....	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
DELHI.....	Sept. 5	MONOLIA.....	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
MAITA.....	Sept. 19	INDIA.....	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
DEVANHA.....	Oct. 3	VICTORIA.....	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
OCIANA.....	Oct. 17	BRITANNIA.....	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
DELTA.....	Oct. 31	MOULTAN.....	Nov. 28	Dec. 5

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.
In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSIT) STEAMERS
WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

Steamers	Leave	Due at
from Hongkong	from Hongkong	at
about	about	
SUMATRA.....	June 8	July 20
CEYLON.....	June 15	July 27
NAMUR.....	June 22	Aug. 4
SARDINIA.....	June 29	Aug. 11
NUBIA.....	July 6	Aug. 18
SYRIA.....	July 13	Aug. 25
NYANZA.....	July 20	Sept. 1
NOBE.....	July 27	Sept. 8
SUMATRA.....	Aug. 3	Sept. 15

These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malacca or Malacca.
Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers. Carry only First Saloon Passengers.

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F. J. ABBOTT,
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FRENCH MAIL LINES.FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE,
Via SUEZ CANAL.FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN,
Via SHANGHAI.

For	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	To Sail
SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA	POLYNESIE	BIOT	June 8, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via Port	ERNEST SIMONS	GIRARD	June 9, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA	CALEDONIE	MARTIN	June 22, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via Port	TOKIN	CHARBONNEL	June 23, at 1 p.m.

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Through Tickets to London, via Paris, from £27 10 up to £71 10. 20 hours railway from Marseilles to London. Interceptors meet passengers on their arrival in Marseilles.
For further particulars, apply to

P. NALIN, Acting Agent,
QUEEN'S BUILDING.

Hongkong, April 4, 1908.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong for

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

Disasters	Tons	Captains	To Sail
SHAMMUT.....	8969	E. V. Roberts	6th June
TRENTON.....	9608	W. T. Garlick	1st July
SOVERIO.....	6532	W. Shotton	2nd July
KUMERIO.....	6832	Cowley	16th August

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
'GLEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship Glenon having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Goods not cleared by the 3rd June, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd June, at 11 A.M.
No claims will be recognised if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.
MCGREGOR BROS. & CO.,
Hongkong, May 28, 1908.

TOYO-KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
JAPAN & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship HONGKONG MARU.
The three-named Steamship having arrived, the Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.
Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.
Cargo remaining on board after FRI. DAY, 29th May, 1908, at 5 p.m., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All cargo undelivered at Noon, TUES. DAY, June 2nd, 1908, will be subject to rent.
All cargo and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on SATURDAY, May 30th, at 10 A.M.
S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 28, 1908.

'BARBER' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP SURUGA.

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO are hereby

informed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence

and/or from the Wharves delivery may be

obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox.,

will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Underwriter on or before

the 30th June, or they will not be recognised.
All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 2nd prox., at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned byDODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 26, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER TONKIN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO from HAVRE

ex s.s. Oureve, in connection with the

above Steamer, are hereby informed

that their Goods, with the exception of

Opium, Resins and Valerian, are being

landed and stored at their risk into the

hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong &

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,

at Kowloon, whence delivery may be ob-

tained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees before Noon, To-day, requesting

it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Underwriter, and Goods remaining

undelivered after MONDAY, the 1st June,

at Noon, will be subject to rent and

landing charges.
All claims must be sent in to me on or

before the 1st June, or they will not be

recognised.
All damaged Packages will be examinedon MONDAY, the 1st June, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
P. NALIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, May 26, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

STEAMER ARADIA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO by the above-

named vessel are hereby informed that

their Goods are being landed and

stored at their risk into the Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where

each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo:-
From LONDON, ex s.s. Mooltan.
From PANAMA, ex s.s. B.S.N. and
B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.
Opium Goods will be landed here unless

intimation is given to the contrary

before 6 Hours.
Goods not cleared by the 1st June, at4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me

in any case where the above-named

vessel is concerned.
Despatch Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Con-

signees and the Company's representative

at an appointed hour.
All claims must be presented within ten

days of the steamer's arrival here after

which they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be admitted after theGoods have left the Godowns.
P. J. ABBOTT,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, May 24, 1908.

THE MYSTICAL CARTER.

Mr. Charles Carter, now visiting Hong-

kong for the first time, will open at the

City Hall on Thursday next. He is said

to be a clever and entertaining conjuror,

who performs his illusions dexterously, and

reveals the possession of a sense of humor

which assists the programme materially.

His two important features are "Flyto" and

"The Magical Divorce." "In the first of

these," says an Australian journal, "a light

wooden cage, octagonally-shaped, standing

about 10ft. away from the curtains at the

back of the stage, and with a clear space be-

tween it and the floor was shown empty;

then a young girl took her place in it; the

doors were closed, the curtains drawn, and

in a few seconds, at the call of the conjuror,

the curtains were shot up. The girl had

disappeared; and in her stead stepped

forth a young man in military uniform.

Next the girl, having re-entered the cage,

performed the feat of transferring herself

at the word of command to a second cage,

hoisted in mid-air. In the 'magical

Divorce,' Miss Carter, seated herself in a

chair, was hoisted by means of a huge

windlass into mid-air, where she remained

for a few moments, with the frame of the

windless enclosing her form. Then at

two words from her husband, she com-

pletely vanished.
"Other tricks, more or less familiar,

were deftly performed—the transferring

of a piece of red silk from one deuter to

another; the production of freshly-brewed

coffee and other beverages from paper

shavings; the answering of questions by

means of the "astral hand," which tapped

a piece of glass to indicate "Yes" or

"No;" card tricks, and the destruction

of a ring which had been borrowed from

a lady in the audience, and was afterwards

found intact round the neck of a guinea-

pig concealed in a bottle. The little

animal, wriggling violently, was forthwith

wrapped in a sheet of paper, but when the

paper was unfolded a few seconds after-

wards, there was, in place of the guinea-

pig, a bouquet of flowers.
"Miss Abigail Price, blindfolded, sur-

veyed questions put from the audience as

all kinds of subjects, principally about

their own business affairs. Many wanted

to know the future and the lady, with

sacred confidence, rattled off her replies.

Each question having been asked, the

ship of paper, was signed with the name

of the person asking it, who then held it

in his or her hand and awaited the answer.

In reply, Miss Price announced the

name.
An announcement appears in our adver-

tising columns.

STRANGE INCIDENT IN INDIA.

Coolies Struck By Lightning.

A week ago says the "Advocate of India"

of May 9, a storm came on suddenly in the

neighborhood of Multan in British India

where the Government is laying out a large

Cinchona Plantation.
A number of coolies were employed in

carrying up corrugated iron sheets which

are to be used in the erection of buildings

on the plantation.
The lightning must have been attracted

by the iron sheets, but fortunately it did

not strike direct, and though a number of

the coolies were badly hurt, none of them

was killed, but many of them will carry

them to the grave marks of the lightning.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Peking

having arrived from the above ports

Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby

informed that their Goods will be landed

into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong

Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where

each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-

ing on board after 4 P.M., the 28th inst.,

will be landed at Consignees' risk and

expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned byJARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 28, 1908.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KORE AND

SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship China having

arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods will be landed

into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong

Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where

each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.
No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Claims must be sent to the Office of the

Underwriter before Noon, on the 30th

May, 1908, or they will not be

recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected,
and any Goods remaining in the Godowns

after the 30th May, 1908, will be subject

to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned bySANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 26, 1908.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP SHAMMUT.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-

HAMA, KORE, MOI AND

MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature and to take delivery of

their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the

vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me

in any case where the above-named

vessel is concerned.
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notices are issued by Mr. Pigg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 30th at 11.30 a.m.—The typhoon is now situated to the East of the Loo-Choo. It continues to move in a northeasterly direction.

Pressure has given way over Japan, and increased considerably over Formosa, and the China coast. It is high over China to the North of the Yangtze, and relatively low over the Western part of the China Sea.

Moderate or fresh N.E. and E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the Northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood
E. winds, moderate or fresh; N.E. winds, moderate or fresh.
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loo-Choo: Same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 1903.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.
Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. Joseph's Church.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. Mary's Church.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. Michael's Church.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. George's Church.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

St. David's Church.
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.
Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.).
Matins (11 a.m.).
Vespers (5 p.m.).
Evangelical: Venite, Magnificat, Psalm, etc.

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St. Paul's Church.
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